Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In some cases we were not able to spend the whole money allotted.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—In how many cases?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 3 or 4 cases.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What were the reasons?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The alignment was not fixed when the budget was prepared. To fix the alignment land acquisition proceedings are going on.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I want to know whether the question of land acquisition is the only cause of delay or the only important cause of delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In many cases, the delay is for fixing of the alignment of the new road projects, and land acquisition also takes a long time. All these contributed to the lapses of allotments.

Memorial from the inhabitants of Kunnamkulam, etc., for a canal and a Munsiff's Court, &c.

166. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the printed 'Memorial' submitted to the Diwan of Cochin by the inhabitants of Kunnamkulam, Guruvayur and neighbouring places:—

(a) whether any of the requests contained therein has been sanctioned by the Government;

(b) and if not, is any of the requests still under the consideration of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) The requests for the opening of a canal communication from the Connoolly canal to Vettikadavu and the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Kunnamkulam are under the consideration of the Government.

167. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government are now considering the question of opening a canal communication from Connooly canal to Vettikadavu;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation or resolutions passed at public meetings regarding this matter; and if so,

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Madras Government are being addressed in the matter.

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